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SUBJECT: GOT PLANS TO SEND ONLY GENEVA-BASED
REPRESENTATIVES TO SWISS CONFERENCE ON IRAQ

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Classified by Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Scot Marciel for
reasons 1.5 (B) and (D).

(C) Econoff delivered reftel demarche on the USG's decision not to participate in the February 15-16 Swiss conference on international humanitarian planning to Feza Ozturk, MFA Head of Department for International Political Organizations, on February 7. Ozturk agreed that the Swiss conference might not be productive, as it appears to have been hastily-organized and will likely coincide with a UNSC session on Iraq. However, he said the GOT would probably send Geneva-based representatives to the meeting, unless other governments from the region decided not to attend. Ozturk said it was virtually certain that no Ankara-based representatives would travel to Geneva for the conference.
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